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DELIVER TO AMB BENNETT BY 0900 26 AUG 77 REYKJAVIK TIME

E.O. 11652:GDS

TAGS: NATO, MPOL

SUBJECT PRESIDENTIAL MESSAGE TO ATLANTIC TREATY

1. FOLLOWING IS THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE TO THE ATLANTIC
TREATY ASSOCIATION CONFERENCE. MESSAGE SHOULD NOT REPEAT
NOT BE DELIVERED TO ASSOCIATION, OR BE OTHERWISE
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2. AFTER FINAL DEPARTMENT AUTHORIZATION IS RECEIVED, WE
LEAVE IT TO YOUR DISCRETION AS TO WHETHER YOU DELIVER THE
PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE TO MR. MOMMER, AS PRESIDENT OF THE
ASSOCIATION, ASKING HIM TO READ IT AT THE OPENING SESSION,
OR WHETHER YOU READ IT TO THE OPENING SESSION YOURSELF.

3. TEXT FOLLOWS:

MR. KARL MOMMER
PRESIDENT
ATLANTIC TREATY ASSOCIATION

DEAR MR. MOMMER:

I ASK YOU TO EXTEND TO THE ASSOCIATION MY WARMEST GREETINGS AS YOU ASSEMBLE AGAIN TO CONSIDER THE CURRENT STATE OF OUR ALLIANCE. WE LOOK TO YOU, OPINION LEADERS IN THE NORTH ATLANTIC COMMUNITY, FOR INSIGHTS ON WHERE WE STAND AND ON HOW WE SHOULD MOVE TO STRENGTHEN FURTHER THE SECURITY ON WHICH THE ATLANTIC COMMUNITY VITALLY DEPENDS.

YOUR DELIBERATIONS HAVE NEVER BEEN MORE TIMELY. WE ARE FACED WITH A MILITARY CHALLENGE FROM THE WARSAW PACT. IN THE LAST DECADE, THE WARSAW PACT HAS STEADILY AND IMPRESSIVELY STRENGTHENED ITS FORCES DEPLOYED AGAINST WESTERN EUROPE.

AT LAST MAY'S NATO SUMMIT, I JOINED MY ALLIANCE COLLEAGUES IN A THOROUGH REVIEW OF THE CHALLENGE. WE CHOSE OUR RESPONSE CAREFULLY -- A MAJOR PROGRAM OF DEFENSE IMPROVEMENTS, BOTH SHORT AND LONG-TERM, AS WELL AS BOTH CONVENTIONAL AND NUCLEAR. MY GOVERNMENT IS SOLIDLY CONFIDENTIAL

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COMMITTED TO THESE EFFORTS, WHICH WE BELIEVE WILL MAINTAIN THE CREDIBILITY OF EXISTING NATO STRATEGY INTO THE 1980S AND BEYOND. WE ARE INTENSIVELY ENGAGED, IN COOPERATION WITH OUR ALLIES, IN CHARTING CONCRETE FORCE IMPROVEMENTS IN PURSUIT OF THIS OBJECTIVE.

IN LIGHT OF RECENT PUBLIC SPECULATION, I WOULD ALSO LIKE TO REITERATE THAT THE UNITED STATES REMAINS CATEGORICALLY COMMITTED TO NATO'S STRATEGY OF FORWARD DEFENSE AND FLEXIBLE RESPONSE. THIS IS MY OWN FIRM CONVICTION, AND IT WILL REMAIN THE POLICY OF THE UNITED STATES AS LONG AS I AM PRESIDENT. WE CONTINUE TO BE CONVINCED THAT THIS STRATEGY, KEPT CREDIBLE THROUGH TIMELY FORCE IMPROVEMENTS, CAN PRESERVE THE TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY OF ALL ALLIANCE MEMBERS.

MY NATION'S COMMITMENT TO THE DEFENSE OF WESTERN EUROPE IS AT THE CENTER OF OUR FOREIGN AND SECURITY POLICIES. THE SECURITY OF THE NORTH ATLANTIC COMMUNITY CONTINUES TO BE VITAL TO THAT OF THE UNITED STATES ITSELF.

SINCERELY,

JIMMY CARTER END TEXT.

4. REQUEST THAT EMBASSY REYKJAVIK NOTIFY DEPARTMENT,
USNATO, AND ALL NATO CAPITALS BY IMMEDIATE CABLE AS SOON
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